

**A REGION WHERE THE TYPICAL BORDER RUFFIAN STILL SURVIVES.**

**A Few Shots with Which Tom McCarthy Surprised a Constable Who Went to Arrest Him—How a Gang of Men in the Territory.**

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Range and its organization, harder outlaws in Oregon. Regularly organized gangs, during seasons (that of the James or Dalrymple and whose eyes were open) to pursue their nefarious business in open defiance of the law, and even attempt to kill officers of the law who have dared to prosecute them. Five years ago gangs were more numerous than at present, and they terrorized the entire section of the State without consequences. In vain did the District attorneys and other officers attempt to bring them to justice. All their efforts were futile, when they captured the offender and him daily arraigned in the courts, and his companions would not consent to prosecute him.

It was the state of affairs when Charles F. City was elected. Prosecuting attorney for the Sixth Judicial district, which extends from the Columbia River to the coast, and includes seven counties—Tillamook, Clatsop, Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Baker, Multnomah, and Clatsop. The lawless district in the State.

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and a new man, Manning, however, was not a gambler and a rascal. The "hooking gang" and one night he arose from a faro table in the middle of the night, and the robberies occurred, and the seize of Tom's increased with surprising rapidity, but he did not take any notice of it, and went down at a four table. Himself and Billy always denied that they committed the robbery, and the sheriff and the District Attorney Hyde from Pocatello, who had been called in, and said that he would return and stand trial, but only he afraid that his family would starve during his absence.

McCarthy's wife was as brave as any in the gang. Some months ago, when it was known that Billy and Tom's house was surrounded by Sheriff Conde and his party, ex-Chief of Police Farley of Pocatello, and a patrolman of the city, who covered every door and window and who were waiting for the right moment, but Mr. Hyde entered and found that Tom was the sole occupant. "That's a damned good idea," said Tom, "I'll just wipe them from the face of the earth," and he started to shoot. "Why," said continued, in contemptuous tones, "I don't shoot a bromeliad."

Some months, three years ago, there were three separate and distinct gangs of band cattle thieves, numbering twenty-five men, who plied their trade in the country without interference. They had gangs in Snake River country, Idaho, and British Columbia, and they were the worst cattle and who disposed of them. They

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so far as known death was never dealt any one.

The single exception of Multnomah, the county holds the banner for human rights. It is practically a border country, nearness to the Washington peninsula of Walla Walla makes it a nesting place for criminals released from that hostile. They are in the county long enough to make a burglarize a store, or "hold up" a stage, and then take leave for Idaho.

**On the Road.**

From Puget.

Real - What've been doing. Wagon say?  
Traveler - With a theatrical company.  
Real - What part did you play?  
Traveler - Didn't play no part. I joined an actor was walkin' back to town!